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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28,  
1976

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE  
PRINCIPALS. P, T, M AND C DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

FROM CHARLES W. ROBINSON

I ATTENDED THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING TODAY ON WHETHER WE  
SHOULD PROCEED WITH A U.S. URANIUM REPROCESSING FACILITY--  
A KEY ISSUE IN OUR OVER-ALL NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION POLICY.  
WE SUPPORTED THE OPTION WHICH CALLS FOR A LIMITED REPROCES-  
SING FACILITY, CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS AN EXPERIMENTAL OR  
DEMONSTRATION UNIT. THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO DEVELOP THE  
TECHNOLOGY AND GAIN INFORMATION ON ITS ECONOMIC VIABILITY.  
IT WOULD AT THE SAME TIME STRENGTHEN OUR CREDIBILITY IN  
INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT REPURCHASE OF SPENT  
FUEL RODS, SUCH AS WITH IRAN. ALL OTHER AGENCIES SUPPORTED  
OUR POSITION EXCEPT FOR ACDA, EPA AND CEQ. WE UNDERSTAND  
THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE HIS DECISION ON THIS ISSUE  
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WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR SO.

I DISCUSSED WITH THE UK MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENERGY, J. DIXON MABON, THE OUTLOOK FOR INCREASED NORTH SEA OIL PRODUCTION, THE OPEC SUPPLY-DEMAND OUTLOOK AND PRICE INCREASE PROBABILITIES, AND COMPLAINTS OF U.S. EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE SUPPLIERS AGAINST "BUY-BRITISH" PROCUREMENT POLICIES IN NORTH SEA DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS. MABON ASSURED ME THAT NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U.S. COMPANIES WOULD BE TOLERATED.

I MET WITH KLAUS BLECH, GERMAN PLANNING CHIEF, FOR A GENERAL REVIEW OF IMPORTANT POLICY ISSUES IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE STATED THAT REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE GERMAN ELECTION ON OCTOBER 3, HE FELT THAT THE FRG WOULD BE MORE FORTHCOMING ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO COMMODITIES. THEY WOULD BE INCLINED, HOWEVER, TO REFLECT THIS BY BEING MORE GENEROUS IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RATHER THAN BY COMPROMISING ON THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE FREE MARKET SYSTEM.

ALSO DURING THE DAY: CHAIRED LARGE STAFF MEETING AND REITERATED OUR CONCERN OVER EXCESSIVE CLEARANCE OF ACTION MEMOS IN ADVANCE OF YOUR DECISION PARTICULARLY WHEN THIS INVOLVES OFFICIALS OUTSIDE OF THE DEPARTMENT; PRESIDED AT SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF AMBASSADOR RONALD PALMER (TO TOGO); MET WITH CARL MAW.

E - WILLIAM D. ROGERS

AFRICA - TALKED WITH BOTHA, RAMSBOTHAM AND MORETON ON AN EARLY CALL BY THE BRITISH FOR THE CONFERENCE. MET WITH YOU AND THE BLACK CAUCUS. DRAFTED LETTERS TO CROSLAND. MET WITH YOU AT THE WHITE HOUSE. TALKED WITH BOTHA ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN SAY IN NEW YORK ON NAMIBIA. TALKED WITH SEELYE ABOUT TALKING POINTS FOR SCHAUFELER IF AND WHEN HE SEES A SALISBURY REPRESENTATIVE. ROBINSON

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